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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for an extension of time into the first month after the response due date, i.e., until May 21, 2006, for responding to the Notice of Appeal filed February 21, 2006.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Petition for Extension of Time fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$120.00 and any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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